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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS, DEFENSE SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (SOH) COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Minutes of 9 February 1999 SOH Committee Meeting

Attached are minutes from the February 9, 1999 SOH Committee meeting, the list of attendees, and an updated list of SOH Committee members. Point of contact is Ms. Connie DeWitte, (703) 604-1874, fax (703) 607-0151, or e-mail dewittck@acq.osd.mil.

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Attachment



Minutes Safety and Occupational Health Committee Meeting of February 9, 1999

• <u>Introductions</u>: Curtis Bowling convened the meeting at 0900 hours. List of attendees is attached.

Old Business:

- Aviation Safety IPT and 3 Sigma: Mr. Bowling reported that Mr. Oliver, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Acquisition and Technology, has personally briefed the Secretary of Defense on aviation safety. Mr. Oliver asked Force Protection to draft a memo on the Military Services commitment to improving aviation safety. Force Protection will coordinate the draft with the Services. The Aviation Safety Integrated Process Team will be closed out after the goals are established. John Lemke briefed the aviation accident experience, which shows the rate rising. (OPR: Mr. Bowling)
- Environment, Safety, and Health Integration: Mr. Bowling reported that Ms. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), recently attended a meeting of private corporations and Defense personnel on integration of environment, safety and health. The purpose of integrating the three functions, as presented by industry participants, was to save money and improve processes. Integration can involve processes and/or structure of the organization. A process example is the revamping of an Air Force depainting procedure. Environment, safety, and health are big cost drivers, and examining the process offers opportunity for improvement in leveraging limited resources. Another aspect is writing contract performance criteria for environment, safety, and health. Integrating the functions is the wave of the future. Another integration example is Fort Belvoir where fire and safety have been combined. Integration includes getting non-environment, safety, and health managers to do environment, safety, and health. A review of environment, safety, and occupational health integration will be done in house. (OPR: Mr. Bowling)
- Status of Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6055.7: Mr. Lemke reported that all staffing comments are in except the General Counsel comment. That is held up while they make a legal assessment of the Inspector General's desire to access privileged information. Force Protection position is releasing accident investigation information to the Inspector General would destroy privilege. The action is in progress. (OPR: Mr. Lemke)

New Business

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security) [DUSD(ES)] Force Protection Mission and Organization: Mr. Bowling provided information on the September 1998 Environmental Security restructuring regarding environment, safety, and occupational health. Under the old organization the Safety and Occupational Health Office was a separate office. With the new organization the Force Protection Office was formed incorporating safety, occupational health, and overseas environmental programs that were previously with the Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Security. Army was named Executive Agent for Occupational Health Policy. Force Protection's mission is to protect people, equipment, and facilities from accidents and occupational illnesses and to sustain military to military contacts in the environmental arena. (OPR: Mr. Bowling)

- Wyden Amendment: Mr. Lemke said he would get the report on the Wyden Amendment out soon. (OPR: Mr. Lemke)
- Defense Planning Guidance: Mr. Bowling stated that Program Analysis and Evaluation had accepted the Force Protection edit. It has to do with reducing the Class A aviation accident rate. In the future the intention is to expand goals beyond aviation safety to such measures as lost-time injury rates as targets of ambitious reductions. Members requested a copy of the language. [Action: Language, which is subject to change before final publication, is: "Components shall fund the required changes in technologies and training to reduce Class A accident rates to a level three standard deviations below the current five year mean (FY1994-1998) by October 2003."] (OPR: Mr. Bowling)
- Injury Prevention Committee: Mr. Lemke gave an update on this committee established by Mr. De Leon, Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness). The purpose of the committee is to reduce cost of military medicine through prevention initiatives. Force Protection and the occupational health community are most involved in the third topic, which encompasses preventing accidental injuries and occupational illnesses. Mr. Lemke attended a meeting two weeks ago to finalize the committee's charter. He anticipates that other topics in addition to the original three will be adopted as the effort matures. (OPR: Mr. Lemke)
- Defense Agency SOH Programs: Connie DeWitte reported on an initiative to strengthen Defense Agency safety and occupational health programs. The concept is that the very small safety and occupational health staffs of most Defense Agencies could strengthen their capabilities through information, expertise, and product sharing. To this end, a small group of Defense Agency safety and occupational health managers met to brainstorm ideas. A questionnaire was distributed to Defense Agency personnel to prioritize what actions would be most useful to them. Actions will then be selected based on value added and feasibility. Jim Gibson said that the Army's Safety Career Program list server is open to this group as a means of communication. (Action: Anyone who wishes to sign up for this list server, send the following information to Dr. Brenda Miller at the U.S. Army Safety Center at millerb@safetyemhl.army.mil: your name, duty position, organization, phone number, and e-mail internet address.) (OPR: Ms. DeWitte)
- Army Professional Development Program: Dr. Brenda Miller provided a briefing on the Army Professional Development Program. Of particular interest to the committee, the Army has established a masters degree program in safety and is opening the program to all Department of Defense safety professionals. Other courses offered by the U.S. Army Safety Center are also open to non-Army personnel. Dr. Miller distributed copies of her briefing charts. (OPR: Ms. DeWitte)

- Ms. DeWitte related that DODI 6055.1, Safety and Occupational Health, is available through the Force Protection HomePage at www.acq.osd.mil/ens/sh/. (OPR: Mr. Lemke)
- Ms. DeWitte distributed copies of the recently published Department of Transportation booklet on seat belt use. This booklet is in support of Executive Order 13043, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States." She also stated that in response to the current Department of Transportation request on updates of seat belt use status, the Military Services should respond directly to Department of Transportation. (OPR: Ms. DeWitte)

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